To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Many reasons are given for the belief in immortality. One of the most convincing and unanswerable is contained in a history, or it may be, a parable, I read some years ago in the then brilliant pages of the Detroit Free Press. A priest was walking the wards of one of the great London hospitals, and stopped to see a patient recently brought in and very dangerously injured. The man's face was bloodless and that stare called stony met the priest's first glance, but it relaxed a little into polite acknowledgment of his "Well, sir, I hope you're feeling better?" "Thank you, no; I'm done for." In fact, he had been you, no: I'm done for. In fact, he had been run over, and his leg, as the chaplain soon found out, had been amputated after great loss of blood. He was an American, and the native coolness of his countrymen made him far more self-possessed and at his ease than an Irishman, or even an Englishman, per-baps, could have been under the same cir-

The priest naturally drew the man's attention to the condition of his soul, and the propriety of settling his accounts with God, as his ccident and present state must assure him that, after all, we have no abiding city here and should fix our hearts on the future life -"I'll give you a hundred thousand dollars
If you can make me believe in God!" This interrruption startled the speaker and its accent of profound despair filled him with pity for the poor man. "God forbid, my friend," he replied, "that I should take money for helping you to a knowledge of the first and most important of all truths. But you are in trouble. Till me about it. It will do you good, here all alone as you are far from home and, I suppose, from friends, and I will do my best to comfort you." As he spoke he raised his heart in earnest suplication that his words might be the means of bringing light and grace to this poor dying other of his. The manner of the priest his kindly tone, and perhaps his professional habit of receiving confidence moved the patient to tell his history, which though

very sad, was, unhappily, not uncomm He was well-off, even rich, and had married a beautiful, accomplished and affec-tionate young woman, who had accepted him against the better judgment and the wishes of her family. They lived together for a while, but his habits of dissipation soon caused him to neglect his chaste and gentle wife and seek the company of bold and disso-

wishes of her family. They lived together for a while, but his habits of dissipation scons caused him to neglect his chaste and gentled wife and seek the company of bold and dissolute women. At last, not many morths after his marriage he left home, crossed the ocean, and came to London with an acress, who led him a wild chase up and down the rapids of fashion and folly, and then laughed at him and took up with some other rich fool. The result of his association with this wild women, at later and the angelic being whose loving heart be had broken, striled, shocked and sturned him. While in this condition he wandered half-dized through the streets of the great capital that he met with the accident which later and mother to leave to him, this mainted and show how he get him to believe he fold and transcriality. The patient was exhausted with the telling of his asd tale, and more with the accident which lactification in her dying hour? They relied the side man, I never wrote her a line, and due to the worlder of the price of happiness Did she have any consolation in her dying hour? "No," replied the side man, I never wrote her a line, and due to the worlder devotion to a worthless husband?" No reply. "By the way, does it strike you that you deserve to be punished for the manner in which you have beliave that?" "No, was the replied the side man, I never wrote her a line, and due to the worlder devotion to a worthless husband?" No reply "By the way, does it strike you that you deserve to be punished for the manner in which you have beliave that?" "No, was the reply?" "No," replied the side man, I never wrote her a line, and due to say that you have beliave that?" "No, was the reply?" "No," replied the side man, I never wrote her a line, and due to say that you have the last of the price traves of the strike you the sould have to say that you have the lost of the price trave, the price trave, the price trave, and the same travel of the price trave, and the same travel of the price trave, and the same travel of the pri

"I cannot think but that the will be otherwise." "True," said the priest, "its the voice of Nature, that cannot but be true, else we would have to say that gratitude, justice, nobilite, virtue and vice were mere fancies unworthy of attention, respect, reward or condemnation on the part of reasonable beings. Now, my dear friend, there is One above us all, One Who is Lord of life and death, Who implanted those grand ideas, reflections of His own divine attributes, in our created nature, and Who it is will bring the just to their destined happiness and condemn the wicked to their self-sought fate."

Then he spoke of the goodness of that Necessary Seing who had created that good wife, and told the story of the Son of God, infinite in mercy as in power and justice, Who had become man and dwelt among us, proving wife, and told the story of the son of tood, inbinite in mercy as in power and justice, Who had become man and dwell among us, proving His divinity, ritving our utter weakness, teaching, enlightening and strengthening us to practise virtue and reach the happy home of His Father in Heaven.

The accests of truth from the mouth of a sympathizer touched the heart of the poor stranger: Father, I believe O God, be merciful to me a sinner! These were his last words. The paroxysm of sorrow worked his frame, the lizature slipped that bound the artery and in a few seconds he was dead.

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A Subject of Boundless Interest.

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termined on the proper processor from that shows not an in- the decided through the company for the special property of the sp

mind of man not so much the hope for a future life—as a real faith in the operation of the natural laws in the spiritual world. There are millions of seemingly educated persons who do not believe that to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. They would make fewer mistakes if they did believe it. They would keep mistakes if they did believe it. They would keep moved to the person that and less in the future. The State and every body in it would be better off. We need a passion for truth together with appreciation of the beautiful, the amusing, the lovely, the sad; but what we need most of all is absolute faith in the perfection and justice of all that is. If such doctrines were taught in Sunday school and in day school, the human race would be better equipped than it is now for its climb to the mountain tops. What is to be gained by stuffing the mind with language-moulds from which the soul and the truths have long since gone? Let us be sincere with ourselves. It should not be a hardahip to haul in the kites of the imagination when there is danger that the unbreakable threads of cause and effect may get tangled somewhere among the stars.

A WICKED New YORKER.

stency of an Opposing Argument To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The letter from Mr. J. Spencer Ellis is the most interesting contribution to this discussion. I think, which THE SUN has published. For the first time the soul is brought down to date, whereby we get some sort of an idea of what it may be; and this is of some value as a peg to hang a few remarks upon.

"Embryology and heredity clearly prove,"
says Mr. Ellis, "that each individual—soul and body—consists of factors the result of the union of germs from both parents." Good. But as this is substantially what the prophets of heredity teach, touchin' on an' appertainin' to other hereditary peculiarities, the graceess among us may suggest that after all the soul may be no pumpkins at all in the make-up of a man, that it may be, in fact, some form up of a man, that it may be in fact, some form of inherited mental, neurotic or circulatory disturbance, such as a tendency to pimples, for instance, or the botch of Egypt, richets, hare-lip, chicken-breast, rheumatoid arthritis gout, second sight, an English accent or inability to pronounce the word "Auchtermuchty."

muchty."

More than this: If the soul is a result of germ union, it is an effect, and to say that it can iniuence its owner to any extent or dominate him one way or the other involves the dictum of Lord Dundreary, that the tail

the dictum of Lord Dundreary, that the tail wags the dog.

Being a result of germ union the soul is a form of matter; it is the result of material forces and is subject to the laws which govern these forces, which are said to be invariable. From this it follows that a man's thoughts, actions, words and works are the verbal and other expressions of these forces working within him. If Mr. Ellis disbelieves in the immortality of the soul, that is the result of material forces, and this being so, he is no more responsible for his unbelief than I am for my belief. The same cause which compels him to unbelief compels me to belief. He cannot appeal to my intelligence, nor I to his, since the question of individual intelligence cannot enter, conviction depending upon forces over which we have no control. This constitutes a denial of intelligence, and, consequently, a denial of the Intelligible. Since it needs as much intelligence to affirm a thing as to deny it, the denial of intelligence by intelligence is a manifest absurdity, because intelligence is a manifest absurdity, because intelligence is affirmed in the very act of denial. A man needs a sound head and some respect for the elementary principles of logic to enter a controversy of this kind, but of course those whose thoughts and ideas are the mere results of material forces cannot be held to account for their mental gymnastics, and it must also, in the nature of things, he insanity to reason with them.

New YORK, Dec. 17. George Morfar.

Better.

been deeply interested by the discussion on immortality to which you have opened your columns You could have opened them to no more absorbing thome. May I add my

In my opinion, the universal belief of all nations and peoples, "civilized" or "uncivil-ized," in the immortality of the soul, arises from the impossibility of human reason conceiving its own non-existence. In my opinion, this would would be a conceiving its own non-existence.

In my opinion, this wo id would be a brighter and happier place to live in if human heings could understand that this is the only life they will ever live, and that their only chance of immortality is in so conducting themselves that when they die they will be remembered with honor, love and gratitude, and their departure sincerely regretted.

HENRY S. REEVES.

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NATURE AND MAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Nowadays everybody loads his gun for bear and takes a crack at the American invasion of Europe and the Roer war. Has anybody hit

Both are the flerce voice of nature "cussing" Both are the fierce voice of nature "cussing" out a housed-up, shut-up way of living; are the low savage growl of the centuries at the hour; are the squawk of the weak urban bird getting it in the neck from the strong rural rooster. Open country life has made the American, the Boer in certain departments of life, superior to the European. The country makes but the city destroys the empire.

Government never saw that physical and mental man himself is the final asset of all values, that he is the great baseline, the line of all measurement underlying human affairs:

The coin is but the guinea's stamp, The man's the gow'd for a' that.

Take the whole shooting match, take every-thing else, but leave the Dutchman, and the Fatherland remains, observed Goethe. But this inspiration has never become a practice

Assembled facts will indicate that weakness, decay in civilization at bottom come not so much from blunders in policy as from a petering out of natural ideal man himself

from unnatural living. One-half of progress is but recovery, restoration. Latest research proves that ou savage ancestors, the proto-Aryan of Britain and northern Europe, were physically su-perior to modern Europeans; also, their skulls show they had more brains. Nature elaborates rather than invents; has few novel-ties. Washington, Lincoln, Bismarck, and all our big sane geniuses seem replicas, re-productions, of the ancient Dutchman. Blood, air, soil and grass must combine to make Derby winners; they are not a product of stables. Man was born of the wilderness, and not of milk bottle, incubator and palace Wilderness, with hunting, fighting, entered into him, gave him his great lungs, muscles, brain. To the lungs and muscles of ancient Dutchmen civilization added nothing, but

nature they perish in one way or another. To-day's remedy, though simple, is hard to apply, for too many urban cocos are only hard chestnut boxas, sealed catacombs of conventionalisms. Wild nature, the country, must be brought into city life; city life must beat the country at its own game. Vio-lent it seems, but instead of city schoolhouses tents may yet be pitched in vast country spaces, with quick transportation to and fro. Considering our Arctic winters and tropical summers, our clothing is indescribably un-scientific, a wearisome, expensive sepulchre of conventionalities hindering blood, heart,

When nations get too far away from crude

lung, skin and body work, burdening life, of little warmth in winter and too much in summer. Clothing must become actually as house, habitation, as a home. Life revolutionized and living cheapened enormously by common sense, scientific clothes, people will live of choice more and more out of doors, more transacting business and sleeping in more and more open houses. Less than five dollars costs a home-made

featherweight suit quilted with wool, cotton, feathers or fur. Looks funny until understood. Completed with loose underclothes, shoes, gloves and a great chunk of fresh beef in the stomach burning into body heat by deeply breathed oxygen, the sun of science turns gloomy Arctic winter with its poverty, suffering and death into glorious summer. Deadly congestions and inflammations of weak organs cease. The body and brain would develop with far less exercise. study and care. Pneumonia, rheumatism and grip would lose their terrors, while infants in specs, consumption, appendicitis, diseases of women, cancer, catarrh, insamty and divorce would become far more infrequent.

Outdoor life on strong rations keeps brain, eyes, nose, throat, lung tips, stomach, appendix. &c., healthy, natural and strong-those very parts in body and brain which now get weak and diseased and fill us with veritable festering seeds of death and immorality. In quilted clothing and cold open air we shall get the benefits of the wilderness on

Broadway. In fresh air any kind of fresh beef, tough or tender, digests only too quickly Athletes can get fit on a morsel of bread and two pounds, ten cents' worth, of half-roasted beef neck per day. The fresher and tougher the better-toughening and hardening tender. weak, pap-fed jaws and bowels with a strong Arctic ration. The Arctic Aryan then grows tall, lean, flerce, agile, prudent, wise. Few are prepared to believe how many such natural living can cure, to say nothing of prevention. in which it exceeds all. Too much housing ruins us in every way, How to Make the World Brighter and while out of doors an plentiful meat grow to perfection the best that is in us. Fresh air TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have | cleanses inside and out at the same time and

cleanses inside and out at the same time and even better than water. Ours, such a nation, and armed with the Manser, what earthly power could put out our light? The Russian campaigns of Charles and Napoleon would only mean an agreeable dive sion.

All civilization actually needs the nature, the fresh air, the fresh meat cure, as consumption, insanity, weak eyes, as the dicersted matrix, as a thousand things show need it for life, for dollars. Pocketbook supremacy, prestige must go with a nation's failing life. To believe that lumgless hot-house men with unstable nerves and pie-crust constitutions can have wisdom, strength and stanchness for statecraft and war and for the deadlier deluge of commerce now upon hur anity is madness.

The world must open head and heart to science. Had Darwin's methods been appired in perfecting growth in human life, as they have been so conspicuously and successfully applied it, agriculture, civinzation would be far better, and not suffering many of its present dis, for durant life is not alterest with the times. Medicing part fail into the cal-

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